

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the positions set forth in the Examiner's Answer issued August 20, 2010.

This application is amended in a manner to place it in condition for allowance.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the withdrawal of the obviousness rejection.

Status of the Claims

Claims 3 and 7 have been amended to remove reference to 100 nm thickness. It is not Applicant's intention to disclaim any particular film thickness.

Claims 3 and 5-7 remain in this application.

Claim Rejections-35 USC §112

Claims 3, 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for not complying with the written description requirement with respect to the expression "said coating material having a thickness of at least 100 nm" in claim 3. This expression has been deleted.

Claim 7 was newly rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for not complying with the written description requirement with respect to the expression "an outermost surface and a depth comprising a distance of 100 nm from said outermost surface". This expression has been deleted.

Therefore, withdrawal of the rejections based on written description requirement is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the amendment to the claims and the foregoing remarks, this application is in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action. Allowance and passage to issue on that basis is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our credit card which is being paid online simultaneously herewith for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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